

Maine Involuntary Commitment Timeline	
Blue Paper:	Certifying examination no more than <u>2 days</u> before admission
Notification:	<u>As soon as possible</u> after admission, notify next of kin (unless would pose harm)
24 Hour Certificate:	Patient must be examined <u>as soon as practicable</u> , but within <u>24 hours</u> of involuntary admission. If no timely certificate, discharge immediately.
Court Application/ "White Paper":	File within <u>3 days</u> from date of admission, but if 3 rd day falls on weekend or legal holiday, must file on <u>next business day</u> . If no court application filed, must discharge patient from involuntary hospitalization.
Reapplication for Involuntary Hospitalization/ "White Paper" :	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> File at least <u>21 days</u> before commitment expires. Court must mail notice of application and date of hearing to patient within <u>2 days</u> of receipt of filing. Must also mail to next of kin unless would pose risk of harm.
Patient Examination for Court Hearing:	Patient must be examined by medical practitioner at least <u>3 days</u> after hospital notifies patient of hearing, of patient's right to an attorney, and of patient's right to select an examiner.
Court Hearing:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Court must hearing to occur no later than <u>14 days</u> from date of application or reapplication. Court may grant a continuance not to exceed <u>21 days</u>. Court will dismiss application and order person discharged if hearing not held within time specified.
Court Order:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Must be issued within <u>24 hours</u> of hearing completion If court is dissatisfied with treatment plan it may continue case <u>up to 10 days</u> for plan readmission. Commitment period <u>not to exceed 4 months</u> in the first instance Commitment period <u>not to exceed 1 year</u> after the first and subsequent hearings.